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TITLE OF INVENTION: WIRE SUPPORT AND METHOD OF MAKING

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>39,42 and 47</u> .						
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

This is the sixth office action for U.S. Application 10/692,037 for a Wire Support and Method of Making filed by John Kevin Liles on October 23, 2003. Claims 39, 42, and 47 are pending.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bob Freyoff on September 23, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 42, line 25, the words, "said first and second upper sections of" have been deleted. Claim 47, line 25, the words, "said first and second upper sections of" have been deleted.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 39, 42, and 47 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art discloses wire supports with many of the features claimed by Applicant, such as first and second wires with lower, intermediate, and upper sections identical to each other and spirally twisted along the intermediate sections to form a first and second intertwined helix, but fails to disclose the upper sections as

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having first and second upper regions extending outwardly in opposite directions from an upright support and terminating in first and second distal area extending generally parallel to the upright support, wherein the regions extend outwardly at an angle toward the first and second lower sections of the first and second wires for enabling sheet material to be inserted between first and second spaced apart straight portions to laterally support the sheet material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Marsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone

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number is (571) 272-3600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

/S. M. M./

Examiner, Art Unit 3632

September 23, 2008

/Korie H. Chan/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3632

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